Intake of IITs and Industries of Technology

3828. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than three lakh aspirants appeared for the IIT-JEE to secure a place in NTs, and Institutes of Technology all over India with an aggregate intake of a mere 4935 seats;

(b) whether Government have considered augmenting intake capacities of the IITs/lnstitutes of Technology commensurate with the demand for such seats;

(c) whether the Regional Engineering Colleges which are still not upgraded to NT level would be expanded; and

(d) whether Government would consider strengthening education/ training facilities for operatives in basic skills through ITIs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) Nearly 2.99 lakhs aspirants appeared for IIT-JEE against the proposed 5444 seats in 7 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Information Technology-Banaras Hindu University (IT-BHU) and Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad. These Institute which are autonomous in nature endeavour to increase the intake depending upon the infrastructure available with them.

(c) At present, there is no proposal to upgrade or expand any of Regional Engineering Colleges (now known as NITs) to IIT Level.

(d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in North-East

3829. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas set up and working in the North-East;

(b) the number of posts of teachers and auxiliary staff sanctioned in each of these Vidyalayas and the number of these posts filled up;